

EBCC – BOMB THREATS

The Board recognizes that bomb threats are a significant concern to the schools. Whether real and carried out or intended as a prank or for some other purpose, a bomb threat represents a potential danger to the safety and welfare of students and staff, as well as to school property.

No person shall make or communicate, by any means, a threat that a bomb has been or will be placed on school premises.

Any bomb threat will be regarded as an extremely serious matter and treated accordingly. In the event a bomb threat is made, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Immediately after receiving a call or note, the Principal should be notified. The person receiving the call should write down what was said, the time of call, and any other information.
2. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall call for an immediate evacuation of the school or buildings. Fire drill procedures will be followed.
3. Simultaneously, local law enforcement authorities shall be notified.
4. An investigation of the threat should be made by local law enforcement authorities or applicable state department.

Any decision to re-enter the school or buildings shall be made by the Superintendent or his/her designee and only after such clearance has been given by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Making a bomb threat is a crime. As such, any person found to have made a bomb threat will be subject to arrest and prosecution according to state law. Any student suspected of making a bomb threat shall be reported to law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution. Apart from any penalty imposed by law, and without regard to the existence or status of criminal charges, a student who makes a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 158:9 (Possession of Explosives)
RSA 664 (Breaches of the Peace and Related Offenses)
Handbook (Referenced in Personnel Handbooks)

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PREVIOUS POLICY: September 25, 2000 “Bomb Threats” “Procedures for Bomb Threats”